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PASS TO AGRICULTURE (SINDELAR AND STROBEL)

E.O. 11652: /A

TAGS: ETRD, SW

SUBJ: IMPORT LEVIES ON TURKEY AND POTATO PRODUCTS

REF: STATE 138710

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFERENCED INSTRUCTIONS, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR AND AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE PRESENTED AIDE MEMOIRE JULY 2 TO MFA OFFICIAL (L.E. LARSSON, THIRD SECTION CHIEF) EXPRESSING OUR CONCERN OVER THE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN IMPORT LEVIES EFFECTIVE JULY 1 ON TURKEY AND POTATO PRODUCTS. COPY OF AIDE MEMOIRE WAS LEFT ALSO AT OFFICE OF UNDER SECRETARY OF MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND SUBSTANCE OF OUR REPRESENTATION WAS CONVEYED TO ANDERS BOHEMAN OF THAT OFFICE.

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2. LARSSON, WHO WAS ONLY AVAILABLE MFA OFFICIAL ON THIS PROBLEM DURING VACATION PERIOD, EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL AMAZEMENT AT HEIGHT OF SWEDISH IMPORT LEVIES ON PRODUCTS MENTIONED AND INDICATED HIS UNDERSTANDING OF OUR REPRESENTATION. HOWEVER, HE GAVE NO ENCOURAGEMENT THAT A FAVORABLE RESPONSE COULD BE ANTICIPATED, NOTING THAT AGRICULTURAL MARKETING BOARD (CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSUMERS, LABOR, PRODUCERS AND GOVERNMENT) WAS MORE RESPONSIVE TO FARMER INTERESTS THAN TO OTHER GROUPS. WE PROVIDED BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND EMPHASIZED FACT THAT IMPORT LEVY ON POTATO PRODUCTS, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER THAN ONE IMPOSED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, THAT SWEDISH LEVY ACTION WAS UNFORTUNATE AT A TIME WHEN WE WERE PREPARING TO NEGOTIATE IN GATT FOR TRADE LIBERALIZATION, AND THAT GOS MAY WISH TO REVIEW THEIR RECENT IMPORT LEVY INCREASE. LARSSON AGREED TO LOOK INTO THIS PROBLEM AND TO PROVIDE COMMENTS TO EMBASSY AFTER DISCUSSING IT WITH MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

3. COPY OF AIDE MEMOIRE WILL BE POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES.  
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